Pink Stumps Day

Gold Award
Emily Hatton and Thomas Atkins

Silver Awards
Erika Kamminga-Morris, Menno Wallace, Thomas Atkins, Savannah Barber, Elle Atkins, Ayisha Mason-Fernando and Ashton Haak

Uniform Awards
Torah Humphris, Emily Hatton, Braidy Cork, Madison Pollard, Reba Ramage, Megan Bubb and Harrison Loftus

Important Dates to Remember Term 1 2016

Thursday 25th Feb - Assembly by 5/6W, Item - Choir, 2:15pm
Friday 26th February - Tamworth Zone Swimming
Monday 29th February - K/1 Bus Program
Friday 4th March - Clean Up Australia Day
Monday 7th March - North West Swimming
Tuesday 8th March - Zone Boys and Girls Soccer Trials
Thursday 10th March - Selective High School Placement Test
Tuesday 15th March - P & C Meeting 6pm in school library
Wed 16th March - Zone 11yrs & Open Rugby League trials
Friday 18th March - Canteen - Red Food Day

Executive Team
Principal - Cara Cracknell
Assistant Principal - (Kinder to Year 2) - Nicole Chegwyn (Mon - Wed) and Anne Doak (Thur - Fri)
Assistant Principal (Yr 3 to 6) - Jill Cook

P & C Executive
President: Lauren Witten
Vice President - Cath Bubb
Secretary: Vanessa Johnson
Treasurer: Scott Cracknell and Jelka Schurink (Canteen)
Vanessa Holland - Being a polite and well mannered student
Letrell Allen - A big effort in learning to write his sounds
Cooper Higgins - Being attentive and ready to learn
Dailen Radmore - Making a big effort to produce neat work
Charlize Corcoran - Assisting others to learn their numbers
Samien Nicholls and Liam Jarrett - Contributing to class discussions
Ethan Walker - Asking questions to help his understanding of a topic
Isabella Marsh and Addyson Vernon - Working well with Mrs Knight
Isabella Cannon - Being a kind and helpful class member
Kobi Murray - Working well in art activities
Cody Tumer-Bourke - Fabulous work during History
Damikah Barwick-Taylor - Being a great member of 3SW
Jentzen Haak - Fantastic effort in Mathematics
Georgia Ford - Being a great class member
William Siemsen - Being a terrific participant in BTN discussions and reports
Daniel Worth - Showing mature and settled work habits in class
Tiana Urquhart - Terrific results in spelling
Jaeda Symons - Fantastic progress in spelling
Harry Fields-Waddington - Improved attitude in Mathematics
Isabella Walker - Demonstrating strong mental strategies when multiplying
Jakayla Tait - Showing care and pride in her handwriting
Jack Merrick - Demonstrating a strong understanding of how to expand and order numbers
Chloe Burch - A confident approach to learning
Ryley Marsh - Being a respectful and diligent student
Natasha Grant - Showing initiative and being organised
Lyiara Mason Whiten Fernando - Being organised, helpful and ready to do her best

Clothing Pool will only be open on:
Tuesday and Wednesday mornings
9am to 9:30am
Please come to the office.

Banking - Thursday
Please attend the next major assembly (Thursday 25th February) if you would like to open a bank account for your child. There will be a Commonwealth Bank Representative on hand to open new accounts.

10 banking deposits will gain a Commonwealth Banking prize.

Banking Co-Ordinators
Cath Bubb and Karen Hobden
What a wonderful way to finish a week with a game of continuous cricket! That is how the students and staff celebrated Pink Stumps Day at Kootingal Public School last Friday. Pink Stumps Day provides organisations the opportunity to show off their cricket skills while fundraising for the McGrath Foundation. With our large Pink Stumps Day kit, both staff and the Student Representative Council (SRC) took to the field to play a fun-filled game of continuous cricket. There was lots of cheering for both sides and lots of puffed teachers at the end. Although the staff was victorious, the game was played in great spirit with outstanding sportsmanship. Thank you to Mrs Ward and the SRC for their organisation and support of the McGrath Foundation.

This week, students from Tamworth High School commenced the teaching of a Fundamental Movement Skills program with our Kindergarten and Year 1 classes. The students from Tamworth High School are completing this activity as a part of the course Physical Activity and Sports Studies (PASS). The students coach their younger counterparts in the 12 Fundamental Movement Skills. This week, the students focused on jumping and the sprint run. Each group of students designed the teaching activities. Needless to say, our students thoroughly enjoyed themselves, learning movement skills and getting to know more ‘big’ people. Thank you to Tamworth High School and Mr Darren Desmid, teacher of the Year 10 PASS class, for coming to Kootingal Public School to teach our students. We look forward to seeing you more over the coming weeks.

This week, we launched the rejuvenation of our Facebook page. I had the pleasure of uploading photos of students and parents from the SRC induction, Pink Stumps Day and the Fundamental Movement Skills program. Our Facebook page is another way in which we wish to communicate with our community about the wonderful work of our students. Be sure to locate and like our Facebook page so it comes up in your news feed. I am sure you will enjoy the photos and information regarding upcoming events.

Kootingal Public School is again coordinating the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) tests. ICAS is an independent, skills-based assessment program that recognises and rewards student achievement. This program is an international program that has operated for the past 30 years. Students from years 2 to 6 are eligible to participate. Nomination forms are available from the front office area and on our website under Latest News and Features. I coordinate the tests and the dates for each test are located on the form and on our school website calendar.

Our families are reminded that Kootingal Playgroup is again operating from Homebase 1 every Monday from 9.30am to 11.30am. This is a lovely opportunity to meet other parents with small children in a fun and creative atmosphere. Please see the advertisement later in the newsletter.

Application forms for the Term 1 Private Music Tuition program are now available. Tuition is provided in guitar, drums, keyboard and vocal. The program commences next week (Week 6). Payment for the term is required in Week 7 Term 1. Application forms are available from the front office for interested students. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

Congratulations to Sunni and Jahmarti Fields of Kindergarten for their beautiful handwriting and English work. Both Sunni and Jahmarti worked studiously to complete their work, much to the delight of their teacher, Mrs Lawrence. Keep up the great work!

Happy birthday to Elloise Sharpham of 2/3M! Elloise turned 7 this past week and presented me with a lovely cupcake. It was delicious! Ellosie shared the experience with her good friends Jessie Johnson and Mikyla Phillpott. I hope you had a wonderful day Elloise.

Sophie Hogg and Menno Wallace have been working hard in their art activities. Mrs Lawrence and Miss Magann devised an activity using resources from our old uniform supplies to create wonderful artworks. Lots of preparation in cutting out went into this artwork, but I am sure you’ll agree it was well worth the effort.
P & C News

Escape Travel, in Tamworth are proud to be in partnership with Kootingal Public School.

Family and friends of the school can be a part of the Kick Back Club, that will see 1% of the cost of any holidays booked in our office in Tamworth go back in to the P & C to benefit the school.

Anyone enquiring and booking an airfare, holiday, travel insurance or accommodation just needs to mention at the time of enquiring that they are a part of the Kootingal School Kick Back program, and we will set aside 1% of the value of their holiday aside to go back to the P & C. Just remember, we don’t know if you are a part of the school, so you need to tell us.

PBL News

It’s a star! The school community and students have voted for a star as the logo of our PBL program. The PBL team will now liaise with a graphic artist in the design of a star logo. Look out for some images in the coming weeks.

Kootingal P&C Prawn & Chicken Night

6:00 pm til late
BYO—Drinks/Alcohol and nibbles

Chicken, Prawns, salads and dessert
Price: $35.00 per person or $250 per table of 8

Kootingal Public School Hall

Tickets available from:
Kootingal Public School Administration Office, Denman Avenue - cash only
By phone on 67603332 - payment by direct deposit

For further enquiries, contact Lauren Witten: 0403 193 955

Playgroup NSW—Kootingal

Playgroup is a lightly structured, informal gathering where parents, carers, babies and children up to school age come together in a relaxed and friendly environment to connect, play and learn. Essentially, it is one of the first, and most important, social networks for children and families.

Sessions are usually held once a week and may involve craft activities, outdoor play and morning tea.

The goal of playgroup is to give children an opportunity to socialise and connect with other children. Creative and unstructured learning through play is essential to children's development, helping them explore and understand their world. Playgroup helps children develop their social skills, make friends and get ready for preschool and school. Playgroup enables parents and carers to spend quality time with their children while creating their own social networks, making friends and sharing ideas and experiences. Playgroup creates stronger communities by bringing local families together and creating grass roots connections.

Kootingal Playgroup is coordinated by Kimberley Capel and is held every Monday morning during the school term in Homebase 1 at Kootingal Public School. Interested families can contact Kimberley about the program on 0403552220. We would love to see you there!

Tamworth Junior Rugby COME & TRY DAY!

Tamworth Tri-Colours will be holding their Come & Try Days on Friday 4th & 11th March 2016 from 4.30 to 5.30 pm.

Come along & enjoy the great social atmosphere & learn more about the great game of rugby. Bring a friend!

Where: Viaduct Park, Marius St
Contacts: Leonie Phillips - Secretary 0467 671 515
Tim Elliott - President 0407 520 572
Visit our Facebook Page: Tamworth District Junior Rugby Union Club
Email: tamworthtricolours@gmail.com

Come for a day.........stay for a season!
Kooty - Moonby

* Games * Songs * Craft * Bible Stories

**Thursdays** 3.30 pm to 5.00 pm (Term time)

St Andrew’s Church  Kootingal
Street & Denman Ave)

**Cost: Free**  *Afternoon tea provided*

For More Info: Contact Allan Beaven 0425301640
or Gloria Quick 0448778023
Dear Parents,

We would like to extend an invitation to your child/children to our after-school Kid's Club.

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(0448780923)

Mrs. Sheila Turner (67608329) or Mrs. Gloria Quick

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AIlan Beavan (Minister, Kootenay/Workshop Anglican Church)

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Thank you for your attention.

Alien Beavan

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